

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/009,052

Examiner

Carlos Lopez

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/2/05 AND 9/16/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 18-23.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 9/16/05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other See Continuation Sheet.

Continuation of Attachment(s) 9. Other: Copy of Formal drawings faxed on 9/16/05.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arnold Krumholz on 9/16/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

The title was amended to read as follows:

~~Method and~~ System for Conveying Shredded Pulp to an Ozone Reactor

Claim 23 is currently amended to read as follows:

23. (Currently Presented) A system for treatment of pulp, comprising:
a dewatering device for dewatering said pulp to a fiber concentration of at least 20%,
a pulp shredding device for shredding said dewatered pulp,
said pulp shredding device including a closed pulp shredding vessel, an outlet pipe from said pulp shredding vessel, and a transport means adapted to continuously transport said shredded pulp without compressing the pulp out of said pulp shredding vessel through said outlet pipe, so that said outlet pipe is kept filled with passing pulp,

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a reaction vessel for bleaching said shredded pulp through reaction with ozone gas,

a conduit gas sealed from the surroundings and connecting said outlet pipe of said pulp shredding vessel gas-tightly to said reaction vessel, so that the interior of said outlet pipe directly communicates with the interior of said reaction vessel through the interior of said conduit,

and a pressure regulation device for regulating the gas pressure in said pulp shredding vessel and the gas pressure in said reaction vessel so that ozone gas is prevented from leaking upstream through said outlet pipe,

said pressure regulation device comprising fan means for evacuation of gas from ~~at least one of~~ said pulp shredding vessel and said reaction vessel, ~~[[a]]~~ pressure sensor means for sensing the gas pressure in ~~said at least one of~~ said pulp shredding vessel and said reaction vessel, and a regulation unit for regulating the capacity of said fan means in response to said pressure sensor means.

DRAWINGS

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: The formal drawings of figures 1-3 received via fax on 9/16/05. These drawings are acceptable.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the primary reason for allowance of claim 23 is that the cited prior art fails to disclose or reasonably

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suggest a system for treating pulp comprising the claimed pulp shredding device, reaction vessel in combination with the claimed pressure regulation device wherein the regulation device pressure regulation device comprising fan means for evacuation of gas from said pulp shredding vessel and said reaction vessel, pressure sensor means for sensing the gas pressure in said pulp shredding vessel and said reaction vessel, and a regulation unit for regulating the capacity of said fan means in response to said pressure sensor means.

It is also noted that the reason for allowance of claim 22 has been given in the office action mailed on 3/4/03.

CONCLUSION

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

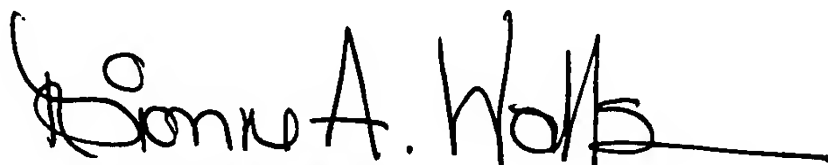
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos Lopez whose telephone number is 571.272.1193. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8am - 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571.272.1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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